GOOD NEWS FOR HOMEMAKERS.

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PATRIOTIC FLOWER BEDS

The following information has been provided by: Wesley P Judkins,. Virginia Tech Extension Horticulturist.

Have you considered planting a partiotic flower bed this year with red, white, and blue colors? Flower beds with plants arranged to form scrolls, bells, flags, or geometric figures may be attractive features in the landscape. They are especially appropriate during this year of our bicentennial celebrations.

A flower bed in the form of a design will require very careful planning before it is established. It will also need continous loving care during the growing season. Select a fertile, well-drained, loam soil. Weeds must be controlled, and the bed should be irrigated during periods of drought.

During the summer you will need to sidedress with fertilizer to promote vigorous growth. The faded blooms should be removed to insure continous flowering, and the plants may need to be pinched back or pruned to retain the desired form.

A bed with a partiotic symbol with red, white, and blue colors, should be made by using the same species of annual flowers to provide all three colors. This will allow the design to be more geometrically precise, and a continous and uniform production of blooms will be secured. Ageratum and dwarf asters have good red, white and blue varieties. Petunias also have the three colors, but the plants will need more pruning during the summer to maintain a clear-cut pattern. The same is true for verbena.

A detailed plan should be sketched to scale to determine the number of plants which will be needed of each color or variety. Use a letter or other symbol to indicate the exact location of each plant in the design. The low, dwarf type annual flowers should be spaced about as far apart as their mature height. When the sketch has been completed, count the number of plants which are needed.

The design should be developed by setting vigorous young bedding plants at the appropriate spacing. This is more practical than to attempt to create the bed by planting seeds directly in the garden. The direct seeding method may be more economical, but it must be done very carefully, and the plants thinned systematically to be sure they are properly located in the design.

A patriotic design in the form of a U.S. flag has been suggested as a bicentennial project for garden clubs. This will require very careful planning, and it is essential that arrangements be made to raise or purchase the large number of plants which will be needed. A flower bed in the form of a flag will require a rather large area.

The blue field with white stars of a flag diagram may be composed of 13 rows with 23 plants per row. This is the minimum which can be used if an attractive design is to be secured. Two hundred forty nine blue, and 50 white flowered plants are needed. Ageratum or dwarf asters to develop this design may be planted 12 inches apart. At this planting distance the blue field will occupy an area 23 fet wide an 13 feet high.

The red and white stripes may be formed by planting two rows of plants for each stripe, slightly closer together than the rows in the blue field part of the flag. The stripes extending from the blue field should be at least as long as the blue field is wide. The total number of plants needed for all the stripes, at the one-foot spacing will be 460 red flowered plants and 414 white flowered plants. This number can be reduced by half by having only one row of plants for each stripe. This will not give as solid a row ot color but will be satisfactory when the plants attain full size.

The entire flag will occupy a space 46 feet wide and 24 feet high. This is a rather large area, and will be more difficult to plant and maintain than most people or garden clubs are willing or able to attempt. Beds in the form of bells or scrolls may be a smaller and more practical design for your patriotic flower garden.

receipe of the week

peanut butter bar cookies

1 cup all-purpose flour
1 cup quick cooking oats
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup light brown sugar, firmly packed
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/3 cup peanut butter
1/2 cup butter or margarine
1 egg

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Meanwhile grease a 9-inch square baking pan. Measure all ingredients except egg and frosting into a large bowl. In a small bowl, beat the egg with a fork until white and yolk are blended. Add to the large bowl. Using your fingers, mix until crumbly. Press into the greased pan in an even layer. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes, or until top is golden brown and edges begin to pull away from sides of pan (center will still be soft). Cool in pan on wire rack. Spread with Peanut Butter Frosting, then cut into 18 1½-by-3 inch bars.

Peanut Butter Frosting

1/4 cup butter or margarine, softened
1½ cups confectioners' sugar, divided
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/4 cup peanut butter
Milk

Place butter in a medium bowl; stir until smooth. Add one cup of the sugar; stir until well blended. Stir in vanilla, peanut butter and remaining sugar. Add milk, a teaspoon at a time, until smooth and spreadable.

KILLED TURKEY MONDAY

Bobby Clifton of Route 2, Appomattox is shown above with the 18¼ pound turkey he killed Monday morning of this week with hunting with his father, V.M. Clifton. This was the second Snring gobbler he has ever killed.

KILLED GOBBLER SATURDAY

Allen L. Harris, Sr. of Route 1, Appomattox, is shown above with a 21 pound turkey he killed Saturday near his home. Mr. Harris said the turkey had been waking him up every morning for some time.

HERE COMES PETER COTTONTAIL

Yes, Peter Cottontail made an appearance at the Appomattox Primary School cafeteria handing chocolate eggs to the children. Pink nose, powderpuff, and whiskers completed the costume worn by Mrs. Janice Smith, aide for the kindergarten program.

Rocks

APRIL 19 It was a beautiful warm Easter Day. Can you recall when we had one this warm.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Almond went to Roanoke last Sunday afternoon to see Mrs. Kate Dinkins who has returned home from the hospital.

Mrs. Louise Wagner left Wednesday for Winston-Salem, N.C. to be with her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Dennis Wagner, who will have surgery.

The funeral at Rocks on last Thursday was for Mrs. Louise Dinkins of Salem. Regret so much the name was omitted.

Friends are sorry to hear Rosa Mae W. Abbitt had surgery at Virginia Baptist Hospital Wednesday. A speedy recovery is wished her.

Mrs. R. E. Roach and Cassie Baldwin were in Lynchburg last Monday. They had dinner at S & W Cafeteria.

Mrs. Gladys Anderson, of Richmond, spent the week here with relatives.

Mrs. Rachel Ranson, Mrs. Ruth Caldwell, Mary Edith Morris, Louise Roach and Jennifer went to Roanoke Tuesday to see Mrs. Kate Dinkins.

A number from here attended the District III Extension Homemakers meeting at Brookville School on Thursday.

Melinda McIntosh was among the number attending the FBLA Conference at Roanoke Hotel on April 10-11 along with Mary Ann Lewis who was installed as vice president of FBLA at Longwood College recently.

A number from here attended the Burrell and Harvey wedding at Liberty Church on Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Williams, of Waynesboro, were dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Roach on Sunday.

Billy Jean Baldwin is back home from the hospital.

Mrs. Louise Wagner returned home from North Carolina Saturday afternoon.

Several from here attended the funeral of Miss Flora Belle Williams at Robinson Funeral Home Sunday afternoon. Sympathy is extended the family.

A very large crowd was out Sunday to hear the message, "Mine is a Risen Saviour", presented by the Adult Choir in song. The right hand of fellowship was extended to Laura Baldwin at the close of the service. Also another candidate for membership at Rocks was Barbara Harrup. The Sunrise Service at Old Rocks was well attended at 5 a.m. Continue to pray for our revival. Prayer meetings are encouraged in homes.

Mrs. Helen Inge entered Virginia Baptist Hospital Sunday afternoon for surgery on Tuesday. A very speedy recovery is wished her.

D.S.T. begins on April 25. Turn the clock forward one hour on Saturday night so you can be on time for church service on Sunday morning.

Congratulations to Jane Almond who won a flower from Superior Trees Nursery last Thursday on the birthday drawing.

Miss Christine Dickerosn will play for the revival at Walker's Presbyterian Church at Hixburg Monday through Friday of this week.

CANCER CONTROL MONTH

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PUBLIC AUCTION

By virtueof decree entered by the Circuit Court of Appomattox County, Virginia, on the 22nd day of March, 1976, in the Chancery Cause in the short style of Charles W. Scruggs v. Warren D. Scruggs, et als, the undersigned will offer for sale the herein below described valuable real estate a short distance off of Route 616 between Wildway and Liberty Chapel and owned by John W. Scruggs at the time of his death.

SATURDAY, MAY 8, 1976 10:00 A.M.
ON THE PREMISES

That certain tract or parcel of real estate known as the John W. Scruggs home tract which adjoins the lands of John Gunter, Otho Martin, Jr., Continental Can and others, containing 202 acres. Plat of survey available. 75 acres of fertile open land. Balance in timber and growing timber. Well watered - 3 creeks and branches. 3.72 dark fired tobacco allotment. Home house and number of out buildings, including tobacco barns.

TERMS:
10% down payment day of sale payable to the Circuit Court of Appomattox County. All offers subject to approval of aforesaid Court.

Balance to be deposited with the Court upon confirmation of sale by said Court.

For Further information contact:

No bond required by order of Court

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W. S. Kerr, Special Commissioner
Appomattox, Virginia

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"The South 40"
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Last weeks feeder cattle prices at the 2nd Lynchburg Sale were up over prices two weeks ago. There were 823 steers with the top price at $50 per CWT. Heifers topped out at $40.25 per hundred weight with 544 head.

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Eradicane, which is composed of Eptam plus a safening agent is the most effective herbicide against johnsongrass in corn at 6 lbs per acre.

Corn hybrids vary in their tolerance of this chemical. Your seed supplier should be able to tell you which varieties are tolerant.

We have the data on certain varieties tested in Kentucky in 1973 and 1974. This may be of help in selecting a variety. But, we need to recognize that varieties react differently to Eptam under different enviromental conditions, therefore we would want to use this information under our conditions with caution.

We anticipate that studies will be initiated in Virginia this year.

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A new commodity organization has recently been organized in Virginia and will be known as the Virginia Corn Growers Association.

The objective of this new commodity group are: 1. Increase U. S. and foreign use of corn. 2. Promote legislature both state and federal that will benefit corn growers. 3. Promote research in marketing and production of corn. 4. Cooperate with other commodities and form organizations for the general health of agriculture.

Corn producers and owners of corn farms are eligible for membership, while individuals may be come associate members.

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A crossbred gilt sale will be held this Friday, April 23, 7:00 p.m. at the Farmville Livestock Market. This sale is sponsored by the Piedmont Pork Producers Association and South Central Virginia Feeder Pig Association.

1975 recorded the highest average field per acre of corn in Appomattox County history. According to the Crop Reporting Service we grew 3800 acres with a 70 bushel average per acre.

Ten years ago, 1965, we grew 6,000 acres with a 54 bushel average.

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We have received approval for the Dark Fire Cured Tobacco Recognition Program for 1976. In order to have this program, funds are required. These funds are provided by the Dark Fire Cured Tobacco Commission. Last year there were 66 participates from Appomattox County and we would hope to have more in 1976.

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Some gardeners have asked why asparagus spears are small in diameter. There could be three reasons: 1. Under fertilization, 2. Lack of soil moisture, 3. Bed too old and needs to be destroyed and a new bed planted.

PRECIPITATION:

Last Week	0
This Month	2.46
This Year	14.99

1977 CROP WHEAT ALLOTMENT PROCLAIMED

A 1977 crop wheat allotment of 62.2 million acres was proclaimed April 12 by Secretary of Agriculture, Earl L. Butz. The allotment for the 1976 crop was 61.6 million acres.

The national allotment does not represent a limit on the amount of wheat that may be planted. Rather, it is used solely as a basis for making payments to wheat growers should the market price for wheat fall below the established target price or if growers qualify for disaster payments. Under these two programs, growers are eligible for payments only on allotted acres.

The 1977 allotted acres will be apportioned among States, counties and individual producers generally on the basis of the apportionment for the 1976 crop year.

Legislation requires that by April 15 of each year, the Secretary of Agriculture must proclaim a national wheat acreage allotment for the crop to be harvested in the next calendar year. The national allotment represents the number of harvested acres of wheat, based on the estimated national average yield, needed to produce the quantity of wheat (minus imports) that will be utilized domestically and exported during the 1977-78 marketing year.

The 1977 national allotment

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SIXTH GRADERS PRESENTED PROGRAM AT AES

Sixth Grade students at the Appomattox Elementary School are shown above as they presented a musical program on Friday, April 19 at the school.

The presentation was directed by Mrs. Betty Bryan.

"I HEAR A DRUM", a Bicentennial salute, was presented at Appomattox Elementary School on April 9th by participants from all of the six classes.

Special effects were created by Elizabeth Coffey on flute, Michelle Penn on clarinet, Patti Stratton on bells, Tom Blazer on bongos, and fifth grader David Coffey on the snare drum. This musical was directed by Mrs. Betty Bryan with Mrs. Ann Coffey, pianist.

Revival

Revival services will be held at Central Baptist Church starting Sunday, April 25 and continuing through Friday night, April 30. Services will begin at 7:45 p.m. each evening.

Rev. R. E. McDowell, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, will be the guest speaker. Special music will be presented each evening. We invite you to come and be with us during these special services.

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He is now stationed in Sheppard, Texas where he will be in Tech School for 28 weeks.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clem H. O'Brien of Appomattox.

O'Brien's address is A. B. Kenneth R. O'Brien, P.S.C. 3, Box 10338, Building 726, Sheppard A.F.B., Texas 76311.

TOPS CLUB NEWS

The weekly meeting of Tops will be Thursday, April 22, at the American Legion Hall.

We are selling our old paperback books as a fund raising project. We hope that our treasury grows fat as we all grow slim.

We will also bring in our trade with club members.

This will add a little variety to our meal planning and make our goals easier to reach. This is the time of year for getting out spring clothes and bathing suits. So you need help fitting in? Come join us while we take off pounds sensibly together.

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Graduates from Officer Leadership School

SAN ANGELO, Tex. - Staff Sergeant Carlton R. Jones, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Jones of Rt. 1, Concord, Va., has graduated from the U.S. Air Force Security Service Noncommissioned Officer Leadership School at Goodfellow AFB, Tex.

The sergeant, who was trained in military management and supervision, is an electronic communications and crypto equipment systems repair technician at Chicksands RAF Station, England.

Sergeant Jones is a 1967 graduate of Rustburg High School.

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